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How did you feel
when you first climbed a tree
or
when you first rode a bicycle?



Poet Billy Collins chooses “Morning”
as the best part of the day:

“This is the best—
throwing off the light covers,
feet on the cold floor,
and buzzing around the house on espresso—”

Write about your favorite time of the day, and tell why.





Poet A. A. Burrows writes
about "The Porcupine."

"...I met him sitting in a tree.
I looked at him. He looked at me.
I said to him, 'How do you do?'
With bright, black eyes he looked me through.
It then occurred to him to flee
by climbing slowly up the tree."

Write about your favorite wild animal. Or
Create a poem about your favorite wild animal.

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In "Dreams," Poet Langston Hughes wrote,



"Hold fast to dreams
For if dreams die
Life is a broken-winged bird
That cannot fly..."

Explain your dreams for the future.

Write about the first friend you ever had.
Tell what you did together.



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What important lesson did you learn
from a teacher?



You looked out your bedroom window this morning
and saw—a dinosaur!—in your neighbor's yard.
How did you feel, and what did you do?



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Describe one of your favorite relatives.



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If you could choose to be: invisible
or super strong
or able to read people's minds,
which would you choose, and why?

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You want to sell this car.
What will you say to
persuade someone to
buy it?



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What language do you want to learn next? • 19

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Describe an adventure you would like to have. • 22

Do you enjoy competition? • 23

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